



**County Council
Carl Persis**

June 12, 2012

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Hon. Members of the Volusia County Council:

As you all know, I am looking forward to my next elected office – Volusia County Chair. The office of County Chair requires a fulltime commitment to the needs of county government and the citizens we serve. In November last year, I positioned myself for the 24/7 responsibilities of the chair's position by ending my service with Volusia County Schools after 35 years. I retired with the Florida Retirement System and completed five years in the Deferred Retirement Option program (DROP).

I was not aware DROP participants may not be employed by any FRS employer for six calendar months after termination of employment. Having learned this, I inquired whether I might serve the remainder of my term without compensation as I desired to do. However, I am advised by the state this would not comply with the statutory provisions and, therefore, I am required to resign.

This is an unintended consequence and a circumstance I did not anticipate. As such, it is my intent to resign from the County Council on June 28, 2012. I will stay very close to the County Council and the weighty matters of Volusia County Government while I campaign vigorously for Volusia County Chair. I look forward to resuming my service on January 1, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carl Persis".

Carl Persis, Volusia County Council, District 4